The Armor of God

# Preparing for war: James 4:7

Before we engage the enemy, some things need to be in order. To be a healthy and effective warrior in God’s kingdom, we must be submitted to God and have a right relationship with others.

* Walk in unity – Ephesians 4:1-6
* Functioning body ministry and being connected to a church body – Ephesians 4:7-16
* Do not grieve the Spirit – Ephesians 4:17-32
* Walk in love and holiness – Ephesians 5:1-7
* Walk in the light – Ephesians 5:8-14
* Walk in wisdom – Ephesians 5:15-21
* Proper order in the home: Between husband and wife, and between children and parents – Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4
* Proper order in the work place: Respecting the employer and employee – Eph. 6:5-9

# Put on the full armor of God: Ephesians 6:10-20

1) vs.10-11: We need the power of God to engage in a spiritual war with a brilliant adversary

2) vs.12: Wrestling is an endurance sport where your objective is to dominate and wear your opponent down. Satan’s kingdom has rank and order.

3) vs.13: withstand, Greek, *anithistemi* (Strong’s #436)– To block and stand against. “The verb suggests vigorously opposing, bravely resisting, standing face-to-face against an adversary. With the authority and weapons granted to us we can withstand evil forces.” (Word Wealth, The Spirit Filled life Bible)

**4) The armor of God**

All pieces of armor are based on knowledge and skillfulness with the Word of God.

* **The belt of truth –** Know the truth and speak it with love (John 8:31-32, Ephesians 4:15)
* **The breastplate of righteousness –** We are made righteous in Christ. Also, you are protecting your emotions from being deceived. (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 4:7)
* **Bind to your feet with the Gospel of peace –** Knowing the gospel message and being prepared to bring it to your fellow man (Romans 10:15)
* **The shield of faith –** The shield is not just used for defense, it can push back the enemy. Fatih comes from hearing the word (Romans 10:17)
* **The helmet of salvation –** Guard your thought life and trust when you do not understand (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Proverbs 3:5-6)
* **The sword of the spirit –** Declare the promises of God. “It is written!”

**5) Effective prayer** opens the door for the gospel to be preached and for souls to come into the Kingdom – vs.18-20, James 5:16-18